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I think it is ridiculous the way everyone is treating Microsoft.

I am a software developer, and a linux user, but I think Microsoft should be left alone.

Don't let the whines of unsuccessful companies lead you to bring down one who pays attention to people and does things right.

Microsoft created the very industry that breeds the people who are currently whining about them. It is because of Microsoft that they exist, and that they continue to exist.

Microsoft is not at all a permanent fixture. The volatility of the market has shown that even the biggest, most successful companies can be put of business rather fast by industry changes.

If someone wants to compete with Microsoft, let them make better software. But, please, don't force us to use second-rate operating systems just because some people whine because no one uses their software.

On the same note, I don't think anti-trust cases should even be pursued in the same manner they once were.

It seems like all we're doing is fighting amongst ourselves & letting the foreign companies dominate.

We should learn something from the Japanese regarding large companies.

Foreign companies will, and have been providing all of the competition the people need. Stop taking jobs away from Americans by crippling our companies and allowing foreign companies to take over.

The End.

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